A TUBE FEEDING A GAS HEATER BECOMES DISCONNECTED IN THE NIGHT.

tames Buckley, forty years old, and Thomas Backway, forty-seven years old, laborers, who ecupied a furnished room in the apartments of Mrs. Annie Kelly, on the fourth floor of No. 201 Mrs. Annie Kelly, on the fourth moor of No. 2.

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about 7 o clock yesterday they were found dead is bed. Dr. Blackmar, summened from Harlem Hospital with an ambulance, said the men had ben dead for several hours. Patrolman Irving, of the East One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st, station, who was called in, found the rubber tube which fed the healer disconnected sufficiently to let the fed the beater disconnected sufficiently to let the gas escape. The windows being closed the men gree soon suffocated.

TO IMPROVE LOCAL POSTAL SERVICE.

POSTMASTER VAN COTT ANSWERS THE MER

CHANTS' ASSOCIATION'S QUESTIONS. The Merchants' Association on November 17 ad gressed a letter to Cornellus Van Cott, Postmaster of the city, in which it made five suggestions for postal service improvement, which were in ure of questions, to the Postmaster. Mr. Van Cott has sent to the Merchants' Association a reply, in which he says, among other things:

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In reply to question No. 1 I have to state that such an annex as you describe as desirable is already in full operation at Forty-fourth-st, and Lexington-ave, which is known as Station H. What is required, however, is the establishment of a full postoffice hilled of this station, where all classes of postoffice business can be conducted on a scale corresponding to that of the General Postoffice, and the beneficial results thus far experienced from the operation of this large station fully demonstrate the fact that the erection of a postoffice building in that vicinity, with the increased facilities which would be afforded thereby, would result its which would be afforded thereby, would result in much greater efficiency and afford a greater degree of satisfaction to the public, as well as to those engaged in trying to solve the postal problem of this city.

In answer to question No. 2, regarding an extension of the pneumatic tabe facilities, and especially regarding the proposition to equip the West Side branches with tube facilities similar to those already provided on the East Side of the city, I have to state that in my opinion the adoption of the same would be of great advantage to the postal service of the metropolitan district, and I base that statement upon what has already been accomplished, coupled with the advantages which I believed that it would be wise to urge an extension of the system to Harlem.

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The matter of street letter boxes is controlled exclusively by the free delivery division of the Postoffice Department, but I have been recently informed that a new box of this character will sharily be adopted, which will correct the difficul-ties mentioned by you and prove to be more satis-factory than the pattern now in use.

ACCUSED OF STEALING DYNAMITE.

A MEGRO SELLS TWO BOXES, EACH CONTAINING FIFTY POUNDS, WHICH HE BROUGHT

Henry Williams, colored, a miner, who says he lives at No. 207 West Forty-fifth-st., was arraigned before Magistrate Motta in the Morrisania police court, yesterday, charged with having stolen two of dynamite, weighing fifty pounds each, from the magazine of Frank Falk, a contractor, of from the magazine of Frank Falk, a contractor, of No. 312 West One-hundred-and-forty-fifth-st. Falk is making an excavation at Longwood-ave, and Kelly-st., in The Bronx. Recently he reported at the Fremont police station the loss of twenty boxes of dynamite, each box containing fifty pounds, from his magazines. Detective Fogarty was assigned to the case, and yesterday arrested Williams. Williams on Friday offered to sell to Jerry Altieri, a contractor, who is excavating rock at Wendover and Bathgate aves, two boxes of dynamities for 38. The regular price of dynamitie is 3750 a box. Altieri's suspicions were aroused, but he agreed to take the two boxes, and Williams brought them to the excavation at 3 o'clock Saturday morning, leaving the dynamite with the watchman, and raying that he would call in the evening for his money. He carried both boxes in his arms. When he returned in the evening he was arrested by Detective Fogarty. he returned in the evening he was arrested by Detective Fogarty.

The police suspect that Williams has the other eighteen boxes hid somewhere in The Broux. They are trying to find them. In court Williams pleaded hot guilty and was held in \$300 for trial.

BROTHERS ENGAGED TO SISTERS.

MISS AMELIA ULLMAN TO WED ISAAC LICHTEN-BERG AND MISS CELIA ULLMAN JOSEPH LICHTENBERG.

The engagement of two sisters to two brothers which many a statesman of older years and more profound judgment may find it hard to achieve. is a piece of diplomacy Such an engagement, however, was made public yesterday. The four persons are Miss Amelia Ullman and Isaac Lichtenberg, and Miss Celia Ullman and Joseph Lichtenberg.

The Misses Uliman were seen yesterday afternoon One-hundred-and-fifteenth-st. The Messrs, Lichtenberg were there, also. The sisters are petite, whereas each of the Litchenbergs is above the average height. All four are between the ages of twenty-two and twenty-eight. The brothers live at No. 108 East Eighty-ninth-st, and are in the tailors' sunnit business

at No. 108 hast highly-matical, and are it tailors' supply business.

When the reporter asked which one of the four had been the first to bring about the present condition of things, all eyes were immediately turned on Miss Cella, who is the younger of the two sisters. The latter, feeling that some explanation was necessary, finally took courage chough to say:

"I don't see why I am to blame. At any rate, it doesn't make any difference now."

It was also learned that the date of the marriage had not been determined, but that the two couples would be at home to receive their friends next Sunday.

NINTH REGIMENT REVIEW AND DANCE. Brigadler General McCoskry Butt of the First Brigade will review the 9th Regiment at its armory next Wednesday night, and a reception will follow the military ceremonies. A number of long service decorations will be presented to members of the regiment, among those who will receive them leing Lieutenant Colonel T. B. Rand, Major C. M. Thompson, Captain D. B. Pratt, Captain A. M. Tompkins, Captain W. S. Young, Lieutenants H. C. Leonhardi, C. A. Meyer, J. F. Hendrickson and others.

Company A has elected Lieutenant James O'Don-Bell captain, in place of O'Connor, resigned to enter the volunteers. Captain O'Donnell served with the the volunteers. Captain O'Donnell served with the with in the Spanish War. Ex-Lieutenant F. W. Warde, of the lowth Regiment, has been elected first lieutenant of Company D over Lieutenant Hendricksen. The latter some time ago was a supporter of Goodman J. Greene, who was volunteer colonel, for the colonelcy of the regiment when it easumed its place again as a National Guard command. The men of Company D were bitter against Hendricksen in consequence, and he was Mi axide for an outside man, receiving only two voles in the entire company.

SOUADRON A CHANGES.

In Squadron A Corporal Howard C. Smith has teen appointed first sergeant of Troop Two in place of Moon, honorably discharged, and Corporal A. Phelip has been appointed guidon sergeant in the man troop in place of Wallace, discharged Lieumant Huntington, recently elected in Troop Two, has passed the Brigade Board.

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Greatest variety in the city to select from.

SUIT (to order) \$20. OVERCOAT " \$18.

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lar grays-skillfully cut-ex-pertly tailored-and the result is PERFECT CLOTHING.



RAILROAD INTERESTS.

PROMOTIONS IN THE NORTHWESTERN. CHANGES IN GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Nov. 26.-Two important promotions have been announced by President Marvin Hughof the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad. John M. Whitman, present general manager, is appointed to the position of fourth vice-president, a newly created office, and William A. Gardner, assistant general superintendent, is appointed to the position formerly held by Mr. Whitman. The latter will have general charge of construction of pro-

prietary roads and branch lines and general improvements of the property of the Northwestern system. He will also have charge of the manage ment and development of its coal properties. Th appointments are effective November 30.

Mr. Whitman has been connected with the North western company for upward of twenty years, holding the position of general manager since 1887 Mr. Gardner entered the railway service as telegraph operator in 1873, when he was only fourteen years old. His first service with the Chicago and Northwestern Railway was in 1878, since which time he has continuously been connected with that company in the capacity of train dispatcher, trainmaster, assistant superintendent, division superintendent and assistant general superintendent, with the exception of a period of two years, when he was connected with the Atchison, Topeka and

Santa Fe Railway as trainmaster. This change places the operating department of the road in charge of Mr. Gardner, the traffic department remaining in charge of H. R. McCullough, third vice-president and general traffic manager, and it is something of a coincidence that in 1874 Mr. McCullough was employed in the local freight offices of the Illinois Central Rallroad as waybill clerk, while Mr. Gardner was in the employ of the same company as telegraph operator. It is believed that Mr. McCullough and Mr. Gardner are two of the youngest men in the country holding positions of such responsibility as those they now occupy. The prediction is made that the entire management of the great Northwestern system will ultimately fall upon their shoulders. the road in charge of Mr. Gardner, the traffic de-

STATEMENT BY W. V. S. THORNE. CONSTRUCTION OF THE DELAWARE VALLEY AND KINGSTON SIMPLY A BUSINESS PROPO-SITION, HE SAYS.

The following statement was issued Saturday by W. V. S. Thorne, president of the Delaware Valley and Kingston Railroad Company, recently organized by Pennsylvania Coal Company interests to construct a line of railway from Lackawaxen, Penn., to the Hudson River at Kingston, N. Y.:

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The construction of the Delaware Valley and Kingston Railway along the Delaware and Hudson Canal is simply a business proposition, based on its own merits, and is not for the purpose of antagonizing or injuring any of the other railways. A number of the individual operators of the anthractic coal region, together with parties interested in the Pennsylvania Coal Company, who feel that they have heretofore been unfairly treated on account of the high rates of freight charged on their product, now have an opportunity to secure most satisfactory facilities for reaching, via the Hudson River and routes connecting therewith, a large Eastern market.

The Delaware and Hudson Canal has been a transportation route for more than seventy years, and during that period much of the country along its line has been occupied by agricultural and manufacturing interests, and many industries and small towns have been built up. Since the Delaware and Hudson Company discontinued the shipping of coal by the canal these people have suffered severely, and will be greatly benefited by having a modern railway replace the antiquated canal, thereby affording them much needed and ample means for reaching the best markets, both East and West, and a fine local business will certainly be developed. When completed the Delaware Valley and Kingston Railway, in conjunction with the Erie and Wyoming Valley Railroad, which it will join at Lackawaxen, Penn, will have a lower summit and very much lighter grades than any other railroad extending from the anthractic coal fields to tidewater. The question of how much coal the individual operators and the Pennsylvania Coal Company will ship over other lines than the Delaware Valley and Kingston Railway will depend only upon which railway is willing to sell cheapest the necessary transportation.

A temporary injunction has been granted by a Pennsylvania court restraining the Erie Railroad

Pennsylvania court restraining the Eric Railroad Company from continuing to place rock and gravel in the abandoned bed of the Delaware and Hudson Canal at Lackawaxen, where the Erie's tracks pass over the canal bed.

There was a report Saturday that Samuel Sloan, formerly president of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, and his friends had secured about twenty thousand shares of stock of that corporation which are said to have belonged to the Moses Taylor estate. This absorption of stock, it is said, gives them control of the road nce more, and it was indicated that Mr. Sloan would at the next meeting force a return to the old régime and name his own president. Hallstead, the former general manager of the road, was named as the probable choice of Mr.

decided that Mr. Sioan and his associates were not quite modern in their railroad methods, and Mr. Sioan was forced out of the presidency. W. H. Truesdale, then vice-president of the Rock Island road, who had a reputation in the West as an able operating railway official, was named to succeed Mr. Sioan. Mr. Truesdale has made many changes and deposed some of the old time employes that were there with Mr. Sloan. It was said yesterday that while Mr. Sloan was perhaps somewhat opposed to some of Mr. Truesdale's acts, he had no idea of attempting to depose him. As for the transfer of such a large block of stock to the Sioan interests, it is said that the report is unfounded. decided that Mr. Sloan and his associates were not

DAMAGES IN CHICAGO RIOTS RECOVERED. Chicago, Nov. 26.-A verdict for \$2,500 was rendered here yesterday in the United States Circuit Court in favor of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in its suit against the city for damages in the big railroad strike of 1894. The railroad asked for \$25,000. The decision is regarded as important in having a probable influence on the actic is of other roads which suffered property damage in the riots.

POSTAL CLERKS ORGANIZING.

More than one hundred postoffice clerks met in Maennerchor Hall, No. 206 East Fifty-sixth-st., yes, terday afternoon, to consider the amalgamation of the two large societies, the National and the United. It is the purpose of the clerks to form themselves into a strong National body in order to aid the in troduction of a bill at the coming session of Congress to grade the salaries of postoffice clerks. The attorney for the clerks, who is now drafting the bill, is ex-United States Senator Gibson. the bill, is ex-United States Senator Gibson.

After considerable discussion the clerks present yesterday decided to amalgamate. The following officers were elected, who will represent the New-York Branch, which will consist of about twelve hundred members. Joseph D. Healey, president; Arthur Huntley, vice-president; Frank M. Donn, secretary; John F. Donahue, financial secretary, and Andrew Hixell, treasurer.

COURT CALENDARS FOR TO-DAY.

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Supreme Court—Appellate Division—Recess.
Supreme Court—Appellate Term—Before Freedman.
P. J., MacLean and Leventritt, JJ.—Court opens at 10:30
R. m. Motions. Appeals from order of City Court: No. 1.
Appeal from judgment of City Court: No. 1. Appeals from Municipal Court: Nos. 1 to 87 inclusive.
Supreme Court—Special Term—Part II—Before Truax,
J.—Motion calendar called at 10:30 a. m.
Supreme Court—Special Term—Part III—Before Book—Staver, J.—Court opens at 10:30 a. m. Ex parts matters.
Supreme Court—Special Term—Part III—Before Beach,
J.—Motions. Demurrers: Nos. 1145, 1150. Cicar,
Supreme Court—Special Term—Part IV—Before Werner,
J.—Law and fact: Nos. 3255, 3888, 1361, 3841, 2165, 3166,
3151, 2306, 3478, 2817, 3440, Case unfinished.
Supreme Court—Special Term—Part IV—Before Beck—man, J.—Causes to be sent from Part IV for trial. Case
unfinished.
Suprema Court—Special Term—Part VI—Before Gieger—
teb. J.—Causes to be sent from Part IV for trial. nnnished. Suprem: Court-Special Term-Part VI-Before Gieger-h. J.-Causes to be sent from Part IV for trial. Case unfinished.
Supreme Court—Special Term—Part VII—Before Scott,
J.—Elevated railroad cases. Clear.
Supreme Court—Trial Term—Part II—Before McAdam.
J.—Preferred causes: Nos. 10588, 1958, 11290, 11706,
11448, 11645, 11500, 10505, 11337, 10682, 11615, 10683, 11649,
11645, 9657. Clear. 11543, 9957. Clear.
Supreme Court—Trial Term—Part III—Hefore Fitzgeraid, J.—Nos. 1029, 5793, 5762, 5893, 5894, 2028, 3829.
6213, 3998, 3941, 6673, 5895, 5578, 6152, 6273, 6278, 6291,
1092, 4464, 3949, 3855, 5429, 5867, 4779, 5344, 3793, 38194,
5736, 5998, 6223, 6224, 3955. Case unfinished.
Supreme Court—Trial Term—Part IV.—Before Andrews,
J.—Causes to be sent from Part III for trial. Case unnnished.

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Supreme Court—Trial Term—Parts V and VI—Adjoruned for the term.
Supreme Court—Trial Term—Part VII—Before Bischoff.
J.—Inquest—No. 6336. Day calendar—Nos. 6396, 5616,
1028, 5406, 5534, 5531, 1761, 634, 6406, 5537, 2063, 5679,
2011, 65384, 4627, 5281, 5274, 3043, 6411, 6536, 3195, 841,
7675, 5216, 1926, 6079, 6080, 6131, 6194, 578, 6557. Case
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Supreme Court—Trial Term—Parts VIII and XI—Adjourned for the term. journed for the term.

Supreme Court - Trial Term - Part IX - Before Russell, J. - Causes to be sent from Part VII for trial Case unfinished.

Supreme Court - Trial Term - Part X - Before Dugro, J. - Causes to be sent from Part VII for trial. Case unfinished.

Supreme Court - Trial Term - Part VII for trial. Case unfinished.

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Supreme Court—Trial Term—Part XII—Before Stover,
—Causes to be sent from preferred calendar for trial. Supreme Court.

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BROOKLYN NEWS

WIPES OUT ITS DEBT.

JANES METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH RAISES \$35,000 IN A NIGHT.

Members of the Janes Methodist Episcopal Church, at Monroe-st. and Reid-ave., at the regular evening service last night cleared off the entire church debt, amounting to \$35,000. This debt raising effort is one of the most successful in the history of Brooklyn Methodism, and all the more note worthy by reason of the fact that there are no exceedingly wealthy men in the congregation.

The Rev. O. F. Bartholow, the pastor, stated the

object of the meeting in a few words. On the platform back of him was a large blackboard. By 8:30 o'clock \$29,000 had been raised.

After a lull in the responses the Rev. Dr. James

Montgomery, of Manhattan, a former pastor, talked

to the congregation, and in a few minutes it was announced that the official board of the church had announced that the official board of the church had piedged \$2,000.

Dr. Montgomery then asked a number of prominent women of the congregation to circulate subscription cards. About ten responded. They went at their task with determination and soon cut the sum necessary to wipe out the entire debt to less than \$1,000. This was gradually whittled down to \$450, when an invitation was extended to every one in the audience who would give \$1 to rise. Nearly the entire congregation responded, and at \$2.30 o'clock Charles Place, who was running the blackboard, announced that there was no more room on the board to make chalk marks. The Rev. Mr. Bartholow kept tally on a sheet of foolscap, while \$500 or \$300 above the required amount came in h small subscriptions.

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At the announcement that the entire sum had been raised the audience applauded. Dr. Montgomery said:
"I want to say to you here to-night, brethren, that you have one of the greatest Methodist churches on this continent. You have started a boom to-night which is likely to result in wiping out every debt against Methodist churches in Greater New-York."

A picture of the blackboard which contains a record of the subscriptions will be framed as one of the precious records of the church's history.

SAY HE HAD NOT WASTED HIS FORTUNE.

FRIENDS OF WALTER SMYSER ISSUE A STATE MENT DENYING RUMORS ABOUT HIM.

Ever since Walter Smyser died, a month ago, in the Long Island Hospital, from pneumonia, his friends in Brooklyn have wondered what disposition he made of his property and whether he left a will. Henry E. Smyser, his father, invented a labor saving machine which it is said enabled the Arbuckles to save thousands of dollars. Henry E. Smyser died last March in Germantown. His

E. Smyser died last March in Germantown. His wife had been dead a year, and his fortune, about 1990,000, was inherited by his son, Walter Smyser, who was twenty-seven years old.

Young Smyser lived in Brooklyn, and it was rumored that he had run through his fortune, and that when he died at the hospital he was friendless and alone. This rumor has been distressing to his intimate friends, and they have given out a signed statement in which they deny the rumors regarding young Smyser. They declare that at the time of his death he still had the fortune which his father bequeathed to him. They also say that at the hospital he was often visited by his friends. The statement is signed by James M. Mungiven, George Genther, Charles Cross, Robert Hamilton, David Franker and Otto Leffler.

WANTS MONEY FOR ENGINE HOUSES.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER TULLY WILL ASK THE LEGISLATURE FOR \$300,000.

Deputy Fire Commissioner James Tully believes that the city should own all buildings and sites which are used by the Fire Department. He intends to ask the next Legislature for an appropris tion of \$300,000 with which to provide buildings for the fire companies in Brooklyn and in Queens which are now occupying leased buildings, and buildings for a half dozen new companies that the increase in population makes imperative. He gives as his reasons the unsanitary condi-

He gives as his reasons the unsaminary countries of some of the rented buildings, the exorbitant rents paid in some instances, and the fact that many of the leases will expire on December 21.

The owners of some of the buildings now occupied by fire engines, as soon as the leases expire, will demand a greatly increased rental. The following is a list of the buildings leased by the Department:

following is a list of the buildings leased by the Department:
Engine No. 124, Nos. 153-155 Furman-st.; Engine No. 121, 1,772 Eastern Parkway; Engine No. 146, West Eighth-st. and Surf-ave.; Engine No. 146, East Twenty-third-st. and Emmons-ave.; Engine No. 157, Rockaway-ave., near Second-st.; Engine No. 157, Rockaway-ave., near Flatbush; Engine No. 158, No. 165 Jockson-ave.; Engine No. 160, No. 685 Vernon-ave.; Engine No. 161, No. 231 Radde-st.; Engine No. 163 and Hook and Ladder No. 17, Nos. 254 and 836 Fluehing-ave.; Hook and Ladder No. 16, No. 443 Buckley-st.

DAVID RICKETTS, JR., DEAD.

Babylon, Long Island, Nov. 26.-David Ricketts, in London, England. In 1863 he enlisted in Company I, New-York Heavy Artillery, and served pany I, New-York Heavy Artillery, and served until the close of the war. His father, who survives him, was a member of Company M of the same regiment. At the close of the war the son went to Brooklyn. In 1886 he leased the old mill on the Oakley estate, at Babylon, and removed there. He was twice president of the village. He was a past commander of William Gurney Post No. 528, Grand Army of the Republic, of Bay Shore. He was also a member of Babylon Council. Royal Arcanum. He is survived by a widow and seven children.

GREENPORT IN DARKNESS

Greenport, Long Island, Nov. 28.-The electric ights of this village have been shut off because of defects in the plant. A new plant is being built by the village. Until this is finished the streets will be in darkness. The new system may be ready by February.

PURCHASES IN RUGBY ROAD. Frederick A. M. Burrell has bought a piece of property at Albemarle and Rugby roads, where he will erect a home costing \$12,000. As soon as it is completed he will move from his present home at Ocean-ave, and Tennis Court.

Thomas M. Valleau, president of the Valleau-Costigan Manufacturing Company, has purchased a lot sixty feet front in Rugby Road, on which he will build a home next spring for his family.

BETTER AMBULANCE SERVICE NEEDED. There is complaint in the Third, Fourth and Fifth wards of Queens Borough of the insufficient hospital and ambulance service. The Jamaica Hospital is the only institution for the care of hospital pital is the only institution for the care of hospital cases in that district, and it attends only within a small 'territory. Policemen say they are often compelled to run around the streets for a physician while a man or woman lies dangerously ill on the sidewalk. On behalf of the hospital it is said that the appropriation of \$1,500 received from the city is not half large enough. The hospital has to be supported largely by private contributions. The hospital managers say they could give an efficient service for the district if the city would give them half as large an appropriation as was given to Flushing. Flushing Hospital will receive \$10,000 from the city for 1950.

DEAD WITH THE GAS TURNED ON. Carl Person, thirty-three years old, of No. 114 East One-hundred-and-thirteenth-st., Manhattan, was found dead yesterday morning in a room on the third floor of No. 342 Dean-st. The gas jet was partly turned on. The death is supposed to be accidental.

TWO PLACES FOR ROBERT H. ROY. Two political places are open to Robert H. Roy, who was recently named by District Attorney-elect who was recently named by District Attorney-elect John F. Clarke as one of his assistants. If this does not suit his fancy Roy may become one of the assistants in the local office of the Corporation Counsel. Roy has not announced yet which he will take. With Roy in another place, P. E. Callahan thinks that the road to the District Attorney's office would be open to him.

TWENTY-THIRD REGIMENT ELECTION. An election for lieutenant colonel of the 23d Regiment will be held at the armory this evening. and Major William A. Stokes, it is expected, will be the unanimous choice. He has been a member of the regiment since 1881 and is known as a pop-ular and efficient officer. There will be a meeting of the Veterans' Mutual Benefit Association at the armory on the evening of December 11.

SALOONS CLOSED IN LONG ISLAND CITY. The saloons in Borden-ave, from the ferry to West-ave., in Long Island City, were closed tightly yesterday. The proprietors were told to close by the police. The saloonkeepers along the row say they are being persecuted and that discrimination is shown.

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EX-CITY CLERK BENJAMIN PAYING THE MONEY DUE THE CITY.

Through the efforts of his friends Joseph Benjamin, former City Clerk of Brooklyn, for whose arrest for contempt a warrant has been issued, will probably escape the ignominy of going to jail. The order for his arrest has been in the hands of Sheriff Creamer for several days, but he has no served it. On Saturday a request was received from Assistant Corporation Counsel Carr to withhold the service of the order until further orders. In speaking of this action, Mr. Carr said:

Benjamin has committed no crime; he is t Benjamin has committed no crime; he is merely in contempt of court for not turning into the city treasury the sum of \$1.141. It is money we are after, not the man especially, and if this sum is paid the order of the court will have been satisfied. The Sheriff has not been able to execute the order of arrest for the reason that Benjamin has been in hiding, but negotiations have been under way for the settlement of the claim. The result of these negotiations was the payment to me yesterday of \$500 on account, which was turned over to the Controller. This money, I understand, was contributed by five of Benjamin's friends, who are now trying to secure the remaining \$614. As soon as this is done the case will be settled and the order will be returned satisfied."

DOINGS IN SOCIETY.

Miss Daisy Adele Edwards, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Edwards, of No. 279 Hancock-st., was married to Maynard Hillier Spear, of Hornellsville, N. Y., at her home on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Joseph Dunn Burrell, of the Classon Avenue Rev. Joseph Dunn Burrell, of the Classon Avenue Presbyterlan Church. Miss Maybelle Edwards was maid of honor, and Miss Florence Margaret Spear and Miss Josephine Edwards were the bridesmaids. Edward Harrington Spear acred as the best man and the ushers included Dr. Samuel McCullagh, of Philadelphia, and Williard W. Ward, of Manhattan. The bride wore a gown of ivory white satin with trimming of duchess lace. She carried a bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. A large reception followed at the home of the bride.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Britton, of No. 324 Clinton-ave., was beautifully decorated with flowers on Thursday afternoon when their daughter, Miss Eugene Britton, became the wife of Howand Viele Brumley. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Charles W. Homer, of St. James's Church. The bride had no attendants. The ushers were Arthur Harris Ostrum and Herbert Stanley Connell.

The marriage of Miss Florence L. Hazen to Theo dore Henry Ormiston, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Ormiston, of South Elliott Place, was selemnized quietly at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs. James Redell Hazen, of No. 62 Pierrepontsign airs, James Redeil Hazen, of No. 62 Fierreponts, on Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The Rev. L. Mason Clarke, of the First Presbyterian Church, performed the ceremony. Henry Taylor, of Montaguest, a cousin of the bridegroom, was best man. The bride was unattended. The young couple left for the Berkshires, where they will spend their honeymoon. On their return to this city they will make their home in Vanderblit-ave.

of the week occurred on Wednesday evening, when Miss Emily D. Frith, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Frith, of No. 248 McDonough-st., was joined in marriage to Charles H. Belknap, of was joined in marriage to Charles H. Beisnap, or Bedford-ave. The ceremony was at the home of the bride's parents. The bride's only attendants were the two bridesmalds, Miss Josephine E. Frith and Miss Marie Frith. The ushers were Henry F. Condict, Bernard H. Lord, Edwin Parkhurst and Dr. John R. Stevens. Mr. Beiknap was one of the managers of the fortnightly dances which were given in the Pouch Gallery two winters ago.

Mrs. Oscar Sides, of No. 411 Macon-st., was married on Thursday evening to William Harris Rogers, of No. 103 Hancock-st., in the Tompkins Avenue Congregational Church, by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. R. R. Meredith. The bride wore a gown of white satin, trimmed with chiffon, white applique and orsatin, trimmed with chiffon, white applique and orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of orchide
and lilles of the valley. The church was handsomely decorated with palms and smilax. Miss May
Spencer was maid of honor, and the bridesmaids
were Miss Elste Rogers, a sister of the groom, and
Miss Mabel Jones. Edward P. Rogers, the brother
of the groom, acted as best man. Mr. and Mrs.
Rogers left for a bridal tour to Niagara Falls, Chicago and Washington. When they return to Brooklyn they will live in a house in McDonough-st,
which has been attractively furnished by the
bridegroom.

One of the prettlest weddings of the week was that of Miss Ella V. Schlim to Benjamin W. Carl, which was solemnized on Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Henrietta Schlim of No. 284 Jefferson-ave. The decorations of the house were elaborate. Roses, palms and rare ferns turned the parlors into a fairy land of loveliness. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. A. C. Dixon, the pastor of the Hanson Place Baptist

fr., died at his home here yesterday. He was born TO ACT ON DR. STORRS'S RESIGNATION.

THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF THE PIL-GRIMS TO MEET TO-NIGHT.

There will be a meeting of the members of the Church of the Pilgrims this evening at 8 o'clock to take action on the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Storrs, the pastor, which was read at the morning service on November 19. Just what action will be taken cannot be learned, but it is said on excellent authority that Dr. Storrs will probably be made pastor emeritus of the church. He will receive compensation for his services in this careceive compensation for his services in this capacity, but the amount, of course, has not yet been determined upon.

At the meeting this evening a committee will be named to communicate the action of the congregation to Dr. Storrs. Another committee, it is said, will be appointed to take under consideration the selection of a successor to the pastor. Definite steps may be taken toward a memorial to him.

Although Dr. Storrs was unable to attend the service at the church yesterday morning his health is improving.

DR. HILLIS TALKS ABOUT FAITH.

Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis spoke last night at Plymouth Church, on "Doubts and the Great Doubters: an Outlook on the Swinging of the Pendulum from Scepticism to Faith." Dr. Hillis said: "Reason is man's nearest and dearest friend; It has brought us our arts, science and civilization. Now, if reason is to be trusted, faith is also to be trusted, for what is faith but winged reason? Faith projects the material laws into the unseen to the spiritual. Faith is necessary for achievement. Lack of faith makes men drift toward secularism, materialism and animalism. "The scientists are now coming back to faith. It science drove men to doubt, the larger science is bringing men back to God." tion. Now, if reason is to be trusted, faith is also

HOWARD COLORED ORPHANS' FAIR. The Brooklyn Howard Colored Orphan Asylum will hold an orphans' fair and bazaar for four days, beginning to-morrow, in Kuh's Hall, Fultonst., near Albany-ave. To-morrow at 3 o'clock there will be attractive kindergarten exercises. At 8 o'clock there will be short addresses by pastors and others. Mando's orchestra will play. On Wednesday afternoon there will be a special entertainment by the orphans, and in the evening there will be addresses by the Rev. A. E. Wright and will be addresses by the Rev. A. E. wight and the Rev. Alice K. Wright, followed by a pantomime by the orphans. On Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, the orphans will dine at their building, in Denn-st., near Troy-ave. This will be followed by exercises at the hall at 4 and 7:30 p. m. There will be special features at the fair, such as refreshment booths, a postoffice and a gypsy camp. The proceeds of the fair will go toward clearing off a \$10,000 mortgage on the asylum.

THE SEASON OF MISSIONS BEGINS.

The season of missions ordered recently by Bishop McDonnell, as requested in the encyclical of Pope Leo XIII, as a proper observance of the closing of the nineteenth century, began yesterday in a number of the Catholic churches of Brooklyn. In more than fifty churches these mission services will be held. In six of these churches the exercises will continue for four weeks, and in the others for two weeks only. The idea in beginning the services at this time was that they might be ended before at this time was that they main be enter each of the the Services began yesterday and will continue for four weeks are St. James's Pro-Cathedral, in Jayst.; St. Joseph's Church, in Pacificest; St. Augustine's Church, at Sixth-ave, and Sterling Place; St. Peter's Church, Hicks and Summit sts.; St. Patrick's Church, Kent and Willoughby aves, and the Church of the Visitation, Verona and Richards

PUNERAL OF MRS. SOPHIE E. PAYNE. The funeral of Mrs. Sophie E. Payne, daughter of the late Thomas M. Webb, who was for many Joseph Klein, of No. 487 Titus-st., Astoria, was stabbed, probably fatally, in a saloon fight late Saturday night. He charges Joseph Yeager, who lives at the same address, with stabbing him. The stabbing is said to have occurred near No. 465 Flushing-ave. Yeager was arrested. A THANKSGIVING MARKET.

The annual Thanksgiving market for the benefit

of the Society for Friendless Women and Children will be held by the managers to-morrow at the Home, No. 20 Concord-st. The market offers poultry, game, vegetables, fruits, nuts and home-made pastry, jellies and delicacies.

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NOT A SERIOUS DROUTH.

SUNDAY LAWS ENFORCED WITH SOME DE-GREE OF SUCCESS, BUT THE THIRST CURERS CARE FOR THEIR PATRONS.

Elizabeth, Nov. 26 (Special) .- This city had remarkably quiet Sunday to-day owing to the cru-sade started by the clergy of the city for a better observance of the Lord's Day. All stores and other places that have usually done business on Sunday were closed at 10 o'clock, but the barber

Sunday were closed at 10 o'clock, but the barber shops were allowed to remain open until noon. Candy stores, cigar stores and the cream saloons all had to close, but several of these places in the lower part of the city kept their back doors open, but did little business. Drug store proprietors would not sell soda water or cigars to their patrons. Restaurants were permitted to keep open. The saloons, against which the crusade was chiefly directed, had their front and side doors closed, but pickets were on guard and regular patrons had no trouble getting inside. A stranger would have had much difficulty in getting anything to drink in the city, but to the initiated it was a comparatively easy matter. The police made no arrests for excise violations, and there were only three arrests up to 7 o'clock to night for drunkenness, two of the victims being an aged couple who were arrested early in the morning because of overindulgence on Saturday night.

The police did not make any effort to discover violators of the Excise law although well aware that most of the saloonkeepers were selling liquor as usual. So long as there was no outward evidence of the law being violated the police did not concern themselves to discover evidence.

The clubs in the city that sold drink on their premises all did a big business, as many went to these places, either as members or as suests of members, rather than be seen trying to get into a saloon.

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The Sunday observance was much more strict in the upper part of the city than at Elizabethport. Mayor Mack and Chief Tenney expressed themselves as satisfied that, in the main, their orders were being generally obeyed, while the clergymen who began the crusade against Sunday selling likewise felt pleased at the success which attended the initial day of the movement, and pointed to the orderly condition of the city as evidence that the result justified the steps taken by them in the matter.

HAD HIMSELF DISPOSSESSED.

ODD TACTICS ADOPTED TO GET HIS SALOON LICENSE TRANSFERRED.

Perth Amboy, Nov. 26 (Special).-An excise fight founded upon a peculiar disagreement as to the provisions of the license law is being waged between the Perth Amboy Board of Excise and

the provisions of the license law is being waged between the Perth Amboy Board of Excise and George Kozusko, a saloonkeeper. Kozusko built a large brick building several years ago, and his attempts since then to secure a transfer of his illeense to the new place have been futile. The Board based its refusal on one of its rules, which forbids new licenses or transfers of old licenses except in cases of extreme necessity.

Several months ago Kosusko again applied for a transfer, and alleged that his place of business was untenantable, and that, therefore, he was entitled to a transfer under a rule of the Board, which provides for a special meeting to consider such cases. Hefore calling the meeting President Hoy of the Excise Board visited Kozusko's place. He reported that it was in good condition. Chairman John Anderson of the committee decided that the place was not fit to do business in, but he had no power to call a meeting of the Board.

The Board of Health was called in to make an inspection. The owners of the building were ordered to open a clogged sewer, and that was done. Kozusko then retained counsel and refused to pay his rent. A few days ago a dispossess suit was brought and Kozusko assisted in the removal and put his property in his own building odes out of the house. Kozusko assisted in the removal and put his property in his own building a short distance away. He seemed well pleased with the proceedings, and said that he will open his new place for business to-morrow morning. His arrest will soon follow his attempt to do business, and the power of the Board to refuse an application under such circumstances will be tested in the courts.

application under such that the license was in the courts.

Lawyer Stricker maintains that the license was granted to his client, not to the landlord, and that he has a right to demand a transfer at any time. The case is receiving a great deal of attention, because several other saloonkeepers are in the same plight. They own new buildings, and have to rent saloons because the Board refuses

ARCHITECT THREATENS TO STRIKE.

TWO JERSEY CITY BOARDS ARE AT VARIANCE AND WORK ON A SCHOOLHOUSE MAY STOP IN CONSEQUENCE

Work will probably be suspended to-day on the construction of Public Schoolhouse No. 20, Jersey City, as the architect, Frederick Long, has decided to strike. The Board of Finance appropriated \$152,000 for the building, which was the total of \$152,000 for the building, which was the total of the lowest bidders for the mason, carpenter and plumbing work and heating and ventilating ap-paratus. It did not include the compensation of the architect, the supervising engineer and the in-spector. The Finance Board ordered that these bills when presented be sent to them, and they would order them paid. The Beard of Education regarded this as an interference with their rights and asked for an appropriation of \$5,500, which and asked for an appropriation of \$5,500, which the Finance Board has refused to grant, and the two boards are at variance. There is \$3,724 27 due the architect, and over \$1,000 due the supervising engineer and the inspector, and the architect has declared that he cannot afford to wait longer for his money and will stop the work to-day.

CHANGES IN THE DIRECTORY.

HUDSON TELEPHONE STOCK INCREASES IN VALUE-SPECULATION AS TO WHAT IT MEANS.

The recent changes in the directory of the Hudson Telephone Company have caused considerable speculation among the stockholders as to which syndicate is aiming to secure control of the com-pany, which was established in Hudson County in pany, which was established in Hudson County in opposition to the New-York and New-Jersey company. Three of the directors, J. B. Vredenburgh, George H. Atkinson and John H. Ward, resigned, and the vacancies were filled by the election of three New-York men, J. F. Vance, Colonel J. B. Curtis and Edwin Brooks, and the directors will meet this week for reorganization. The changes have had the effect of increasing the value of the stock. It could have been bought a few weeks ago for & a share; now the holders demand its face value, \$10. The new investors, it is said, have secured control of the construction company which erected the lines for the telephone company and have a controlling interest. Atkinson and Vredenburgh were two of the largest stockholders, and the former was the manager. The officials of the company are uncommunicative.

THE LEHIGH VALLEY BUYS LAND. Plainfield, Nov. 28 (Special).—The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company has bought fifteen acres of land at Samptown, just outside of the suburbs of Plainroundhouse, which is reported, may be used for the roundhouse, which is now at Perth Amboy, and for small repair shops, it being the intention of the company to remove considerable of their present work from Perth Amboy on account of the agination and attempt to compel them to suspend all operations of their business on Sundays. field, which, it is reported, may be used for the

PROPOSED TELEPHONE EXTENSION.

Plainfield, Nov. 26 (Special).-The New-York and New-Jersey Telephone Company is making plans to extend its lines from Plainfield through North Plainfield Township, in Washington Valley, to connect with the line that now runs from Summit to Neshanic, and expects to have the line completed by spring. Its purpose is to connect every town and hamlet within forty miles of New-York. The proposed trunk line has been mapped out over two routes in Washington Valley—one to connect Plainfield with Millington and the other to connect with Morristown and then with Millington.

DR. LOWRY'S FUNERAL.

Plainfield, Nov. 25 (Special).—The funeral of Dr. Robert Lowry, the hymn writer, who died at his home, in Madison-ave., yesterday morning, will be held at the house on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The burial will be in the Hillside Ceme-tery, in this city. The hymns to be sung at the funeral will be the favorite compositions of the dead man. In many of the local churches to-day special musical programmes made up of hymns written by Dr. Lowry were sung.

KILLED WHILE CROSSING THE TRACKS. Elizabeth, Nov. 26 (Special).-Nicholas Bluemata, killed by an express train this morning at the South Elizabeth station while crossing the tracks. His body was hunted fifty feet, and when he was picked up life was extinct. He lived in Fourth-ave, this city, and leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter.

O'NEILL DIES FROM HIS WOUNDS. Special Policeman Thomas O'Neill, who was shot by two strangers in Bowery-st., Newark, early on Saturday morning, died in St. Michael's Hospital at 2 a. m. yesterday. The wound that caused his death was in the abdomen. There is no clew to

THE FALSE ALARM NUISANCE CONTINUES. A false alarm of fire was rung at 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning from Box No. 131, at Merseles yesterday morning from Box No. 131, at Merseles and Wayne sts., Jersey City. This is the third false alarm sent from boxes in that section of the city within two weeks. A man was arrested for ringing a false alarm from that part of the city a month ago, was convicted and sent to State Prison for two years, and the police and Fire Department officials who had been annoyed by the false alarms were hopeful that the punishment of the offender would end them.

BEEF PLANT DESTROYED BY FIRE.

FOUR EXPLOSIONS SCATTER BURNING EM-BERS-A TOUNG MAN AND SAFE

HURLED FROM THE BUILDING. Passaic, Nov. 26 (Special).-Passaic to-day witnessed the most disastrous fire it has seen in years. The plant of the Passaic Beef Company was totally destroyed. The fire broke out at ?

o'clock in the smoke room, it is supposed. Ray Griffin, son of Hicks Griffin, the manager, was in the office. He had put wood on the fires a few moments before. He was talking to a young man named Charles Kelly. They smelled smoke and started to investigate. In a few moments there was a flerce blaze. Several of the tanks of ammonia, used in the refrigerating plant, exploded with loud reports, sending great sheets of flame and clouds of smoke high into the air. The sides of the building were blown out, and Ray Griffin was hurled through a window. He was badly cut and bruised.

The big frame building, with its lard and fata, burned like tinder, and was totally wrecked. The safe was blown into the street. The contents of the safe and the horses were saved, but every-thing else was destroyed.

The plant is owned by the George H. Hammond Company, of Hammond, Ind. The loss is about \$30,000. Mr. Griffin says the building and stock were fully insured, and that a new plant will be erected

at once.
Several times it looked as though the Griffin silk Several times it looked as though the Griffin size mill, near by, would go as well, but the firemen were able to save it. Traffic on the Eric railway was suspended for one hour, and on the trolley lines for three hours. Ten thousand persons crowded to see the fire. There were four explosions. One scattered burning embers, and the police had difficulty in preventing a panic. Mr. Griffin was formerly in charge of a beef plant at Bridgeport, Conn., which was destroyed by fire some time ago.

COULD NOT WAKE MOTHER.

A PEDLER RETURNS HOME AND FINDS HIS CHILDREN CRYING AND HIS WIFE DEAD.

Louis Malinka, a pedler of eyeglasses, living at No. 403 Adams-st., Hoboken, went to South Amboy on Monday and did not return home until Saturday afternoon, when he discovered that his wife, Bertha, thirty-two years old, had died during his absence. On entering the house by means of a latchkey, he found his two little daughters, six and four years old, respectively, crying pitifully, and was told by them that "Mamma is sick and cannot get up." The children were hungry, and bore evidence of having been sadly neglected. Malinka was shocked to find the dead body of his wife lying on the bed. Neighbors said that Mrs. Malinka was last seen alive on Thursday afternoon, when she went to a drug store to get some medicine. The police believe that she died that night. The children imagined that their mother was ill, and tried to awake her. They were unable to unlock the door, and it is believed that they were in the apartments with their dead mother for the greater part of two days.

When Malinka returned home he was loaded down with trifling presents for his wife and children, and had some fruit which he said he intended for their Thanksgiving dinner.

Malinka's grief was intense when Coroner Hoffmann removed the body of Mrs. Malinka to the Morgue. dren were hungry, and bore evidence of having

PARISH SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED.

NO NEW CASES OF DIPHTHERIA REPORTED IN

MONTCLAIR. Montclair, Nov. 26 (Special).-The Rev. Joseph F. Mandl, pastor of the Church of the Immaculate F. Mandl, pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, who had declared his intentions of opening the Parochial School to-morrow, despite the order of the Board of Health, changed his mind this morning and announced to his people that the school would not open until one week from to-morrow, at which time he declared he would certainly open the school. The Board of Health, however, decided not to take any risks in the matter, and two members of the board visited South Orange this morning and consulted Vicar General O'Connor, who is now acting for the Bishop. The result of the visit has not been made known.

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There have been no new cases of diphtheria reported to-day. The physicians are using antitoxin with much success. Dr. J. A. Allis has been appointed an assistant to Health Inspector Leyhton.

A WOMAN HOLDS THE FORT.

WITH TWO SHOTGUNS, SHE RETAINS POSSESSION OF HER SHANTY.

Atlantic City, Nov. 26 (Special).-Mrs. Amanda Johnson, colored, who has lived for some years in a shanty situated on land in Ventnor, which has recently come into the possession of Brinton & Co. of Philadelphia, absolutely refuses to move

or allow the building to be moved.

Mrs. Johnson has armed herself with two shotguns, and during the day remains on guard, declaring her intention of filling with lead any person who comes near her home. John Reed has a
contract to improve the land, and has a force of
men at work all around the place. He has endeavored by peaceful means to get her to move,
but he has failed. The woman seems so determined in her stand that some fears are entertained
that should a collision occur there will be bloodshed. However, a resort to law is to be taken before matters are pushed to an issue. Meanwhile
the work of improving the land proceeds about the
woman's home, while she sits in the house and
watches the laborers.

ALL THE PLANS REJECTED.

Orange, Nov. 25 (Special).—The trustees of the Orange Free Library, who, together with the members of the Advisory Board, for the last six weeks have been examining the thirty competitive plans have been examining the thirty competitive plans submitted for the new library, the cost of which is to be borne entirely by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stickler, who will make it a memorial to their son, the late Dr. Joseph William Stickler, have decided not to accept any of the plans for execution, as they did not meet with the approval of Mr. and Mrs. Stickler. There was so much merit in some of the designs that the trustees decided to award a special prize of \$390 for one set of plans, it beins I per cent on the estimated cost of the building: a prize of \$390 for another set, and \$100 for each of two other designs. The names of the authors of the plans are withheld for the present.

ave., Jersey City, started to run across the street in front of his home yesterday as trolley car No. 4

BOY TOSSED BY A TROLLEY CAR.

John Potter, eleven years old, of No. 274 Palisade-

was approaching. The boy was struck by the car and huried some distance. His head hit the pavement so hard that concussion of the brain resulted. The injured boy was removed to Christ Hospital, and the motorman, John Roth, was arrested for atrocious assault and battery, but was HE FOUND THE LEAK. James Smith, janitor of the flathouse No. 404 Grand-st., Jersey City, was making an investiga-tion in the cellar last evening to find a leak in the gaspipe. He struck a match to examine the meter, and an explosion followed. Smith was hurled to the ground, but escaped with a few bruises. The woodwork took fire and the firemen were called and extinguished the flames before much damage had been done.

A DINNER FOR SENATOR M'CARTER. A dinner will be given for Senator-elect Thomas A dinner will be given for Senator-elect Thomas N. McCarter, jr., to-morrow evening, at the University Club, New-York, by Uzal H. McCarter, president of the Fidelity Trust Company. The guests will include Senators Sewell and Kean, Frankin Murphy, Prosecutor Chanler W. Riker, Governor Voorhees, Senator Mahlon Pitney, Congressman R. Wayne Parker, Barker Gummere, John F. Dryden, Dr. Leslie D. Ward, State Controller Hancock and State Treasurer Swain.

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